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I MET THIS NOON WITH COUVE, LLOYD AND VONBRENTANO. LLOYD  
LEAVING FOR LONDON TONIGHT AND VONBRENTANO FOR BONN.

WE WERE AGREED THAT BY CLOSE TODAY'S SESSIONS FORMAL SPEECHES  
PRESENTING WESTERN PLAN AND SOVIET TREATY PROPOSAL, REBUTTALS  
AND COUNTER REBUTTALS HAD CARRIED CONFERENCE ABOUT AS FAR  
AS IT COULD GO IN THIS SEMI-PUBLIC PHASE. CONTINUATION CONFER-  
ENCE NEXT WEEK ON SAME BASIS WOULD BE REPETITIOUS AND STERILE.  
IT WAS ACCORDINGLY AGREED THAT ONE OF WESTERN MINISTERS WOULD  
SOUND OUT GROMYKO EARLY NEXT WEEK ON PRIVATE MEETING WITH  
RESTRICTED NUMBERS IN ONE OF VILLAS. GERMAN ADVISERS WOULD  
NOT BE INCLUDED AND FROM PAST HINTS GROMYKO WOULD NOT OBJECT  
TO THIS ASPECT.

HAVING ALREADY AGREED WITH LLOYD THAT PROGRESS IN NUCLEAR  
TEST-NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS SOVIET TICKET TO  
SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH THEY STILL GIVE IMPRESSION OF DEFINITELY  
DESIRING, AREAS OF POSSIBLE PROGRESS PROBABLY LIE IN AGREEMENT  
TO RESTRING DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN SOME APPROPRIATE  
FORUM AND/OR AT LEAST OUTLINE OF AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD IMPROVE  
SITUATION IN BERLIN WITHOUT IMPAIRMENT WESTERN LEGAL RIGHTS.

BY AGREEMENT COUVE WILL SPEAK THIS AFTERNOON IN CONFERENCE ON

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BERLIN ELEMENT OF WESTERN PLAN. EXPECTATION IS THIS WILL DRAW  
REPLY FROM GROMYKO MONDAY, AFTER WHICH WE WILL BE IN BETTER  
POSITION TO JUDGE TERRAIN.

MEANWHILE COORDINATING GROUP WILL MEET OVER WEEKEND AND FOUR WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET MONDAY MORNING TO EXCHANGE MORE MATURED THOUGHTS ABOVE SUBJECTS AND REACH AGREED LINE WHICH COUVE WILL PRESENT ON BEHALF OF ALL. TO GROMYKO AT BILATERAL LUNCH ON MONDAY TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN INVITED.

VONBRENTANO EXPRESSED EXTREME UNEASINESS AT IMPLICATIONS OF ANY THOUGHT SEEKING FROM GROMYKO ASSURANCE SOVIETS WOULD TAKE NO UNILATERAL ACTION WITH RESPECT TO WEST BERLIN UNTIL AFTER SUMMIT MEETING ON GROUNDS THIS GAVE SOVIETS FREE HAND AT CONCLUSION ANY SUMMIT MEETING AND IN A SENSE PLACED WESTERN PARTICIPANTS UNDER PRESSURE. HE EXPRESSED MARKED PREFERENCE FOR ANY PROVISIONAL ASSURANCES FROM SOVIETS TAKING FORM OF EXPLICIT ACKNOWLEDGMENT WESTERN RIGHTS OF PRESENCE AND ACCESS BERLIN.

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askings Rumsfeld to assume no  
commitment until completion  
of project. Wanting to make sure  
of a response. I think  
we would surely

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